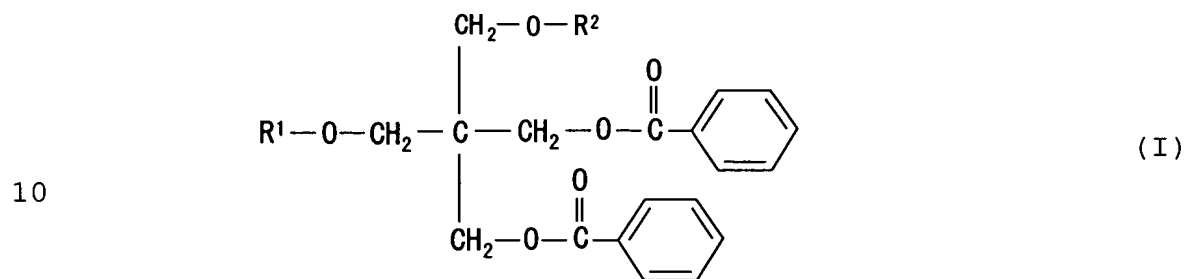


ABSTRACT

A cosmetic composition comprising:
an ester of pentaerythritol and a benzoic acid
5 having the formula (I):



wherein R¹ and R² independently indicate a hydrogen atom
or a linear or branched fatty acid residue having 1 to 24
15 carbon atoms or a benzoic acid residue and
a cosmetically acceptable carrier.